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SUBJ: SINGAPORE PROTESTS CAB DEFERRAL OF SIA APPLICATION  
FOR CARGO PERMIT

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NOTE VERBALE FROM GOS MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS PROTESTING CAB DEFERRAL OF SINGAPORE AIRLINES' APPLICATION FOR CARGO SERVICE BETWEEN US AND SINGAPORE. NOTE WAS SENT UNDER COVER OF A STIFF LETTER SAYING GOS WAS "TAKEN ABACK" AT THE DECISION AND WISHED TO CONVEY STRONG FEELINGS ABOUT NECESSITY FOR REVERSAL.

2. TEXT OF NOTE FOLLOWS.

--THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS, REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE WOULD LIKE TO REFER TO THE US CAB ORDER 76-12-142 DEFERRING INDEFINITELY THE PROCESSING OF THE APPLICATION BY SINGAPORE AIRLINES, THE NATIONAL CARRIER OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE, FOR APPROVAL TO OPERATE FREIGHTER SERVICES TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THE MINISTRY UNDERSTANDS THAT THE US CAB'S ACTION WAS BASED PRIMARILY ON THE GROUND THAT ASA NEGOTIATIONS ARE CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS BETWEEN THE US AND SINGAPORE AND THE US AND OTHER COUNTRIES, AND THAT A DECISION COULD ONLY BE MADE AFTER THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OUTCOME OF US BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH SINGAPORE AND OTHER COUNTRIES.

THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS WOULD LIKE TO STATE THAT AIR SERVICES NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN US AND OTHER COUNTRIES ARE OUTSIDE THE PURVIEW OF THE AIR SERVICES NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN US AND SINGAPORE. IT SHOULD THEREFORE HAVE NO RELEVANCE TO

CONSIDERATION OF SIA'S APPLICATION. THE FACT THAT SINGAPORE-US BILATERAL AIR SERVICES NEGOTIATIONS ARE CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS SHOULD NOT IN ANY WAY PREVENT THE US AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES FROM GIVING APPROVAL TO SIA'S APPLICATION AS PRESENTLY ENJOYED BY PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS THE DESIGNATED US CARRIER TO AND FROM SINGAPORE. THE SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT, IN SPITE OF SEVERAL INCONCLUSIVE AIR SERVICES NEGOTIATIONS, HAS GIVEN RENEWAL APPROVALS TO PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS TO OPERATE BOTH FREIGHTER AND PASSENGER SERVICES TO SINGAPORE. THE MINISTRY WOULD ALSO LIKE TO BRING TO THE NOTICE OF THE US GOVERNMENT THAT ONE OF THE CONDITIONS FOR APPROVAL OF THE PERMIT TO PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS WAS THAT RECIPROCITY SHOULD BE ACCORDED TO THE NATIONAL CARRIER OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE.

THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS WOULD THEREFORE REQUEST THE US GOVERNMENT TO RECONSIDER ITS DECISION TO DEFER INDEFINITELY FURTHER PROCESSING OF SINGAPORE AIRLINES' APPLICATION AND TO FAVOURABLY CONSIDER SIA'S APPLICATION WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY. END TEXT.

3. EMBASSY POUCHING COPIES OF NOTE AND COVER LETTER TO DEPARTMENT.

4. COMMENT: GOS REACTION WAS A LONG TIME COMING, AS CAB DECISION WAS PROMULGATED ALMOST TWO MONTHS AGO. IN SAME MAIL, EMBASSY RECEIVED LONG-DELAYED LIST OF GOS DELEGATES TO UPCOMING CIVAIR TALKS, NAMING LEE CHEE ONN, NUMBER THREE MAN IN MIN COMM, AS DELEGATION HEAD VICE HIS SUPERIOR, SIM KEE BOON. COMBINATION OF THIS LATEST NOTE, EARLIER GOS PROBLEMS WITH AIR CARGO RATES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS, PAST DIFFICULT CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS AND REPLACEMENT OF HARD-LINER SIM AFTER LENGTHY DELIBERATION WITHIN GOS COULD SET STAGE FOR VERY INTERESTING NEGOTIATING ROUND. HOLDRIDGE

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